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Conference News - April



The Theology Among the People (TAP) program of the SEC received a grant from **The Richard and Helen Brown Foundation** of the UCC to help fund a clergy continuing education gathering and the development of PATHWAYS, the on-line successor to the TAP program which will be launched in Fall 2011.

Mark Your Calendar - Tap Graduation will take place on **Saturday, August 27** in Atlanta. Details will be forthcoming. All former TAP graduates, current participants, facilitators, and family and friends of TAP are invited!

IMAGINE - *What is Possible!*

In the Southeast Conference-- Conference Reimagines our Annual Meeting!

After years of a two day Annual Meeting featuring a Friday convocation, noteworthy keynoters and preachers, and dynamic worship, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, led by Moderator Ginny Nixon is reimagining the Annual Meeting for 2011. The meeting will be a one day event on **Saturday, June 11th**, and hosted by **Central Congregational UCC, in Atlanta**. The thrust of the event will be to foster conversation among us, and invite feedback to the staff and leadership of the Conference concerning the direction and priorities of the Conference. [Link here to read](#)

[all about the event and its new concept.](#)



Georgia-South Carolina
Association

"Calling All Clergy"

All **SEC** Clergy are invited to an informal, but important gathering to connect and converse.

We will meet at the **Carpe Diem Bistro in Decatur | Friday, June 10 | 6:30 p.m.**

Join other UCC pastors, chaplains and ministers for dinner and conversation on the Friday before this year's Southeast Conference Annual Meeting.

There is a \$10 suggested donation. [Link here to read more about the event and for reservation form.](#)



UCC News

UCC Newsroom

Headlines from the United Church of Christ

[WCM executive calls for 'complete withdrawal' of Ugandan anti-gay legislation](#)

The Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, the UCC's executive minister for Wider Church Ministries, issued a statement today (May 11) calling for the Ugandan government to drop legislation that calls for the imprisonment of homosexuals.



The association welcomed a new church and approves two candidates for ordination at its annual meeting. On April 16, the Georgia-South Carolina Association gathered at Victory United Church of Christ, Stone Mountain, for its 2011 Annual Meeting. [Link here to read more on the event and see those who attended.](#)



Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss any of these upcoming events surrounding the **SEC Annual Meeting | Atlanta** and the **2011 General Synod | Tampa**.



- > **Social Media Boot Camp** | Friday, June 10
- > **Carpe Dinner** | Friday, June 10
- > **SEC Annual Meeting** | Saturday, June 11
- > **Fallen Is Babylon** | Friday, June 30
- > **General Synod** | Saturday, July 1

Don Clark, Moderator of the Alabama-Tennessee Association, is **Convener of the UCC Network for Environmental and Economic Responsibility** (NEER) and Economic Responsibility (NEER) and will be "voice without vote" at **General Synod 2011**. He and wife, Jean, will also be staffing the popular "buttons and bumper sticker" booth in the exhibit hall. They have been exhibiting at General Synods for over 40 years.

Look at What the **CPR** has Rolling out this May.

There is an array of online courses and webinars that will truly benefit your church ministries.



Church Renewal 101 | Rev. Michael Piazza | May 5 - June 9
Leadership in a New Church World | Anthony Robinson | May 17 - June 19
Developing a Stewardship Plan for Your Church | Coy James | May 26 - June 30

Register for a May Course and get all six **May Webinars** for free! (A \$100.00 Value!)

The Thailand 2011 Trip Participants

reunited at the scenic setting of Calvin Center, a retreat center located in Hampton, GA. Along with their three facilitators-Dr. Greg Carey, Rev. Kathy Clark, and Rev. Dr. Sarah Kim-the seven seminarian participants from Lancaster Theological Seminary and the seven participants from the Southeast Conference, UCC, spent the weekend engaging in critical theological reflection. [Link here to read more about this recent retreat](#) and the opportunity to process their learning experiences. [Link here for Thailand 2012 application.](#)

JOIN US on 2012
THAILAND TRIP



June 3
Application Deadline

Power Up your Church's Sunday Fellowship with Congo Coffee: Support SEC Missions!



The Fuller Center and the SEC share a common



Mission trip to Africa.

The Fair Center and the SEC share a common vision and commitment to mission, witness, and justice for all of God's children. We are partnering in a mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo

A Congo mission trip is planned for August 2011. In the meantime, we have established a "**Comma Grounds Mission Fundraiser**" see details. We encourage your church to order and serve this Fair Trade Coffee and help support the SEC

Check out the Cafe and Power Up your Sunday Fellowship!

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